

'ESCAPES' CHICAGO M'Carthy Staff Departs With One Last Hurrah

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WASHINGTON (AP)—For the first time since New Hampshire the young staffers flying with Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy gave a takeoff a cheer. A hollow cheer.

They were leaving Chicago. It was more than a takeoff. It was an escape.

BUT IT was also the end. They were dulled by fatigue, still stunned from their convention defeat, some bruised and cut from the final police assault on their hotel headquarters.

Despite the cheer, McCarthy said some of them had asked him to have the pilot circle for awhile over the city.

"They didn't want it to end," he said.

As they came aboard, there still were no beards among them.

They had shaved clean to present a more wholesome image when ringing the doorbells of the Establishment.

THE SENATOR'S daughter, Ellen, 20, was weeping when

she boarded. Sitting beside her now was a 7-Up can holding a single rose. She stared ahead, silent.

Campaign manager Blair Clark, gaunt and red-eyed, remembered collecting the first \$20,000 and handing it out to the young workers in New Hampshire.

"I thought then that would be the McCarthy budget for the year," he said.

The voice of the chartered plane's captain came over the intercom:

"On behalf of the entire crew I want to say it has been our pleasure to serve you these three months and I assure you it's a memory we'll always cherish."